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# Interstate 17 Construction Update

I-17 overnight "rolling" closures planned Sunday through Thursday nights from Happy Valley Road to Dixileta Drive

(Listen to an audio report of upcoming work)

# **Upcoming Restrictions**

As part of the ongoing improvement project for I-17 and the traffic interchange projects at Jomax Road, Dixileta Drive and Carefree Highway (State Route 74), continued temporary closures and restrictions are scheduled.

All I-17 improvement projects from Loop 101 to Carefree Highway are scheduled for completion in 2009. Once improvements are underway to Carefree Highway, construction will begin on freeway widening north to Anthem Way.

These projects are some of the first elements of the Regional Transportation Plan for Maricopa County and funded through a voter-approved sales tax to improve and construct new roads throughout the Valley over the next 20 years. More information on the Regional Transportation Plan is available at <a href="https://www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways">www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways</a>.

Here's an overview of scheduled restrictions on I-17 - for the most up-to-date listing, check the project Web site:

## I-17 from Happy Valley Road to Dixileta Drive

Friday, Nov. 2 - Saturday, Nov. 3

9 p.m. - 7 a.m.

I-17 northbound will be restricted to one lane from Friday night until Saturday morning.

Sunday, Nov. 4 - Thursday, Nov. 8

10 p.m. - 5 a.m.

I-17 northbound will have "rolling," temporary closures of up to 15 minutes from Sunday night until Thursday morning to place girders for the new bridge at Skunk Creek.

#### Interstate 17 at Carefree Highway (State Route 74)

Monday, Nov. 5 - Thursday, Nov. 8

10 p.m. - 5 a.m.

I-17 southbound will be closed at Carefree Highway nightly from Monday night to Thursday morning for bridge work to reconstruct the interchange at Carefree Highway.

Sunday, Nov. 4 - Monday, Nov. 5

10 p.m. - 5 a.m.

I-17 will be restricted to one lane at Carefree Highway from Sunday night until Monday morning.

Wednesday, Nov. 7 - Friday, Nov. 9

9 p.m. - 5 a.m.

I-17 northbound will be restricted to one lane and the northbound I-17 on-ramp will be closed at Carefree Highway nightly from Wednesday night to Friday morning for bridge work to reconstruct the interchange at Carefree Highway.

Thursday, Nov. 8 - Friday, Nov. 9

9 p.m. - 5 a.m.

The I-17 southbound off-ramp will be closed at Carefree Highway nightly from Thursday night to Friday morning for bridge work to reconstruct the interchange at Carefree Highway.

I-17 traffic will be detoured onto the Carefree Highway interchange ramps. Carefree Highway will be accessible to and from I-17 during these restrictions.

# Carefree Highway from I-17 to North Valley Parkway

Carefree Highway, just east of I-17, will be restricted to one Iane westbound through early 2008 for work related to the reconstruction of the Carefree Highway interchange.

Drivers should anticipate minor delays and allow extra time, or adjust travel schedules to avoid closures and restrictions. ADOT appreciates your patience as we construct these improvements on I-17.

While ADOT strives to inform the public about planned freeway restrictions, during any complex construction project, there is a possibility that unscheduled closures or restrictions may occur. Please visit our <u>Web site</u> for the most current information about planned I-17 restrictions.

An audio podcast outlining this week's I-17 Traffic Alert can be downloaded from the ADOT Web site.

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#### Slow Down in the Work Zone

As a reminder, the speed limit on I-17 has been reduced to 45 miles per hour during construction of the improvements north of Loop 101, and 25 miles per hour on the frontage roads along this segment of

I-17. The reduced speeds are designed to protect workers and motorists in the construction zone. During I-17 construction, plan ahead for unexpected restrictions – and remember to slow down in the work zone.

- For general information about I-17 improvements, contact the I-17 project hotline at 480.890.3055 or projectupdate@lewin-associates.com.
- For information on construction activities, contact Brock Barnhart at 602.712.7176 or <u>bbarnhart@azdot.</u>
  gov.
- For traffic updates across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at www.az511.com or call 5-1-1.

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### ADOT I-17 Travel Advisory for Yavapai County

The Sunset Point Rest Area, which is located approximately 40 miles north of Phoenix on Interstate 17, will be closed for renovations beginning Monday, Nov. 5 until early 2009. Travelers on I-17 are advised to plan ahead and seek facilities in advance of the last exits with services on I-17 north and south of the Sunset Point Rest Area. Those exits are:

- Exit 244 in Black Canyon City and
- Exit 262 in Cordes Junction at the interchange with State Route 69.

The remodeled facility will include new restroom facilities, picnic ramadas, sidewalks, landscaping, parking lot resurfacing and reconstruction, and infrastructure improvements to the water, sewer, septic, and utility service to the site.

ADOT recognizes that closure of the rest area is inconvenient for travelers, and asks for your patience as we renovate this facility to better serve the needs of travelers on I-17 in the future.

For questions about the closure or facility renovations, please contact ADOT Constituent Services at 602.712.7355.

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